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HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. SINCE SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, THE UNITED STATES
HAS COME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM FOR ITS DEFENSE POLICY (REFS
A,B,C) AND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TYPICAL OF THE LATTER IS AN
ARTICLE ENTITLED "COMPUTERIZED SURVEILLANCE" BY WALDEMAR
BUDZILO, WHICH APPEARS IN THE MAY 1 ISSUE OF PANSTWO I PRAWO.
THE ARTICLE IS ADMITTEDLY A RESPONSE TO INCREASED DISCUSSION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WEST, WHICH BUDZILO CALLS "THE FAVORITE
ARGUMENT AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

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2. IN THE PAST WEEK, THE PRESS HAS SHIFTED ITS
EFFORTS AWAY FROM CRITICISM OF THE WEST, AND INSTEAD, CON-
CENTRATES ON EMPHASIZING POLAND'S POSITION. TRYBUNA LUDU
OF MAY 5-6, FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTS THE SPEECH BY THE POLISH
DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL, WLADYSLAW NENEMAN, EMPHASIZING POLAND'S CONCERN

FOR THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF MAN AS PREREQUISITES FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS. THAT EDITION EDITION OF TRYBUNA LUDU ALSO CARRIED A REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE MAIN COUNCIL OF THE LAWYER'S UNION ON MAY 6, WHERE THE SAME SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED. THE ANALOGOUS CHANGE IN POLISH COMMENTARY ON WESTERN DEFENSE POLICY HAS BEEN TO SWITCH TO GENERALIZED CRITICISM. FOR EXAMPLE, MAX BEREZOWSKI, WRITING IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 25, TAKES THE WEST TO TASK FOR ALLEGEDLY REFUSING TO DISCUSS ARMS LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WEAPONS, BUT HE DOES NOT MENTION SPECIFIC COUNTRIES.

3. EDWARD GIEREK'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF THE BUILDERS OF PEACE ON MAY 6 REFLECTS THE SHIFT TO A POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMAMENTS ISSUES. HE SAID "THE FIRST AND MOST FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT" IS TO A "LIFE IN FREEDOM AND PEACE." OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE REALISED ONLY WHEN THIS IS GUARANTEED. GIEREK SAID THAT, WHILE HE DID NOT MEAN TO LECTURE THE ASSEMBLY ABOUT ITS GOALS, HE FELT THAT, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED GREATLY DURING WORLD WAR II AND WHO VALUED PEACE MOST HIGHLY, HE COULD POINT OUT THAT THE WORLD OF THE 1970'S HAD MATURED TO THE POINT WHERE IT SHOULD TAKE MORE DARING AND ENERGETIC STEPS FOR A LASTING PEACE. FIEREK MENTIONED THE NEED TO STOP THE ARMS RACE, BREAK THE DEAD-LOCK AT THE VIENNA MBFR TALKS, AND HALT NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. HE SUPPORTED CALLS FOR A SPECIAL UN SESSION AS A PRELUDE TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: POLISH ATTACKS ON AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN-RIGHTS POLICIES WERE REACTIONS TO U.S. POLICY INITIATIVES. THE PRESS NOW APPEARS TO BE REVERTING TO THE GOP'S ORIGINAL GAME PLAN (REF D); EMPHASIZING "REALISTIC AREAS" OF COOPERATION AND AVOIDING CONFRONTATION ON SENSITIVE ISSUES. END COMMENT. DAVIES

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